

Clean Water It is the

The City of Imperial Beach is regulated by a municipal permit (2013-0001) issued to us by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. This permit is a legal mandate that requires us, the City, to prevent storm water pollution to the maximum extent practicable. Our City's Municipal Code, **Section 8.30 "Urban Runoff Management and Discharge Control"** mirrors this permit and holds everyone accountable for preventing pollutants from being discharged into the storm drain system.

We Need Everyone's Help

We ask and strongly encourage you to educate your neighbors, friends and family members about storm water pollution prevention. Preventing pollutants from entering our rivers, bay and ocean will require every citizen to follow the simple pollution prevention tips presented in this brochure. Keeping our rivers, bay and ocean clean will take a concerted effort by every citizen in our community and we appreciate your help.

For any questions and/or inquiries about our Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program or to report a storm water violation please call the Environmental Programs office at **619-424-4095**



Storm Water Hotline:
(619) 424-4095

City of Imperial Beach

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STORM WATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

Prevention Tips for Residents



ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN!

What is Storm Water Pollution?

Storm water pollution occurs when anything other than rain water enters the storm drain system and flows directly into water bodies.

POLLUTANTS

Green Waste	Chemicals
Trash in general	Pet waste
Oil and Grease	Sediment

Flow into

STORM DRAIN SYSTEM

Driveways	Sidewalks
Streets	Gutters
Storm drain pipes	Related connections

Empty into

WATER BODIES

Pacific Ocean	Tijuana Estuary
San Diego Bay	Tijuana River
Otay River	

Resulting in:

STORM WATER POLLUTION

What Can You Do?

IN GENERAL

- ♦ Don't dump anything in the storm drains.
- ♦ Report any over irrigation issues in your neighborhood area.
- ♦ Pick up after your pet.
- ♦ Don't throw cigarette butts on the ground.
- ♦ Report leaking vehicles on the street.

IN YOUR HOME

- ♦ Avoid using any cleaning chemicals.
- ♦ Wash painting equipment in your sink or toilet and never on your yard, driveway or sidewalk.
- ♦ Use kitty litter or other absorbent material to clean up spills and dispose of it as hazardous waste.
- ♦ Recycle when possible.
- ♦ Don't over-water your lawn and minimize use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- ♦ Dispose of household hazardous wastes at our designated facility in Chula Vista. Call **619-691-5122** for further information.

IN YOUR YARD

- ♦ Follow directions and use only what you need when using pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Use environmentally safer alternatives such as soapy water and traps to control ants rather than using chemicals.
- ♦ Use a broom to sweep lawn debris and recycle appropriate items in your green waste bin. Never hose down these pollutants onto your sidewalk or into the street.
- ♦ Do not blow tree leaves onto the street or sidewalk.
- ♦ Keep the gutter in front of your house clear pollutants that could impede the free flow of rainwater.
- ♦ Adjust your irrigation system to avoid any over-irrigation.
- ♦ Over irrigation is prohibited and it is considered an illegal discharge.

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